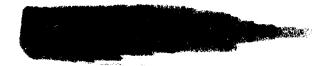


DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 4934-99 10 November 1999



Dear The Land

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 6 October 1999. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 26 July 1995 at age 21. Your record reflects that you were terminated from an alcohol abuse rehabilitation program on 27 February 1996. Subsequently, on 22 April 1996 you were found to be alcohol dependent.

On 2 July 1996 the commanding officer recommended that you be separated with an honorable discharge by reason of alcohol abuse rehabilitation failure. After review by the discharge authority, you were honorably discharged on 26 July 1996. At that time you were assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4.

The Board noted that an RE-4 reenlistment code is authorized by regulatory guidance and must be assigned to individuals who have been separated due to alcohol abuse rehabilitation failure. Such a code means that you may not reenlist in the Navy without prior approval of the Commander, Navy Personnel Command. The Board thus concluded that there is no error or injustice in your reenlistment code. Accordingly, your application has been

denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER Executive Director